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6                   UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7                   WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8                   AT SEATTLE

9                   BALKRISHNA SETTY, *et al.*,

10                  Plaintiffs,

11                  v.

12                   SHRINIVAS SUGANDHALAYA LLP, *et*  
13                   *al.*,

14                  Defendants.

15                   Case No. C17-1146-MLP

16                   ORDER

17                   On March 12, 2025, the Court granted Plaintiffs Balkrishna Setty and Shrinivas  
18 Sugandhalaya (BNG) LLP’s (together, “Plaintiffs”) Motion to Compel against Defendant  
19 Shrinivas Sugandhalaya LLP (“Defendant”) (dkt. # 199). (Dkt. # 223.) The Court ordered  
20 Defendant to pay Plaintiffs’ reasonable expenses incurred in bringing the motion to compel. (*Id.*  
21 at 3.) Pursuant to Plaintiffs’ fee petition (dkt. # 227), on April 16, 2025, the Court ordered  
22 Defendant to pay Plaintiffs’ \$20,870.00 in attorneys’ fees within 30 days. (Dkt. # 237 at 8.)

23                   On March 28, 2025, the Court held Defendant in civil contempt for failure to comply  
24 with the Court’s Orders related to Plaintiffs’ motion to compel. (Dkt. # 232; *see* dkt. ## 219,  
25 223.) The Court imposed sanctions of \$250.00 for each day Defendant failed to comply,  
beginning March 27, 2025. (Dkt. # 232 at 4-5.) The Court provided, however, that these

1 sanctions would be deferred if Defendant demonstrated substantial compliance by the next  
 2 scheduled status conference, set for April 10, 2025. (*Id.* at 5.) On April 11, 2025, the Court found  
 3 that Defendant was not in substantial compliance, and the sanctions would not be deferred. (Dkt.  
 4 # 236 at 2.) At the next status conference on May 1, 2025, the Court again found that Defendant  
 5 had not substantially complied. (See dkt. # 240.) At the following status conference, held on May  
 6 22, 2025, the Court determined that Defendant had achieved substantial compliance with the  
 7 Court's Orders. (See dkt. # 243.)

8         Accordingly, sanctions for the period from March 27, 2025, through May 22, 2025,  
 9 totaling \$14,250.00, are due. Defendant is ORDERED to pay \$14,250.00 to the Court Registry  
 10 within **fourteen (14) days** of this Order. Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 67, acceptable forms of  
 11 deposit are cashier's or business check made payable to "USDC Court Clerk." Upon receipt, the  
 12 Clerk is directed to deposit funds into the Registry of the Court in the principal amount of  
 13 \$14,250.00.

14         The Court also notes that, at the conference on May 22, 2025, Plaintiffs and Defendant  
 15 informed the Court that Defendant had not paid Plaintiffs the attorneys' fees awarded for  
 16 bringing the motion to compel. (See dkt. #243.) If Defendant has not paid Plaintiffs the awarded  
 17 fees within **fourteen (14) days** from the date of this Order, the Court will consider additional  
 18 sanctions.

19                     Dated this 22nd day of May, 2025.

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 22                     MICHELLE L. PETERSON  
 23                     United States Magistrate Judge